

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir,

(b) In view of the reply to (a) above the question does not arise

(c) As against the target for opening 250 new Branch Post Offices in the rural areas of Bihar during the year 1991-92, a total of 268 sanctions have already been issued so far which is the excess of the target mentioned.

(d) All the sanctioned post offices are likely to be opened during the year 1992.

[Translation]

#### **Development of Aerodromes in Madhya Pradesh**

7174. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the development of aerodromes in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The plans of NAA for the development of Bhopal and Indore aerodromes during VIII Five Year Plan, are as under:-

(i) The extension of the existing runway to 6700 ft.; strengthening of associated pavements and extension of the existing terminal building at Bhopal Aerodrome; and

(ii) The extension of runway to 7500 ft. and construction of a new terminal building to cater to 500 passengers at Indore Aerodrome.

#### **Telephone connections in Madhya Pradesh**

7175. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI:  
SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of telephone subscribers in Madhya Pradesh as on January 1, 1992;

(b) the total number of applications pending for telephone connections in the state, district-wise;

(c) the time by which telephone connections be provided to all the applicants; and

(d) the number of telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in the State during 1992?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The information is given in the attached statement.

(c) As per draft 8th Plan proposals expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to provide by the end of the 8th Plan.

i) telephone practically on demand in rural areas; and

ii) to reduce the waiting period to within two years in larger systems.

Accordingly, the above waiting list is expected to be cleared progressively during the 8th Plan period.

(d) About 50 telephone exchanges are proposed to be set up Madhya Pradesh during 1992 subject to availability of demand and timely availability of equipment.